

REMARKS

Claims 50-58 are pending. By this response, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-17 and 31-49 are Canceled. Claims 50-58 have been allowed.

Allowable Claims

Applicants appreciate the indication of claims 50-58 as being allowed. Applicants note that 50-58 are the only remaining claims and thus the application is in condition for allowance.

Prior Art Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 31-33, 39-42 and 47-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy et al (U.S. Patent 6,335,983) in view of Tsai (U.S. Patent 5,309, 243); claims 5, 8, 10, 11, 34-35, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over McCarthy, Tsai and Kim (U.S. Patent 5,710,594); claims 6, 9 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy, Tsai, and Kim in view of Yamagami (U.S. Patent 6,522,830); claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is being unpatentable over McCarthy, Tsai and Bayer (U.S. Patent 3,971,065); claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy, Tsai, and Horiuchi (U.S. Patent 6,801,248); claims 17 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy, Tsai in view of Nakagawa et al (U.S. Patent 6, 738, 092); claim 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over McCarthy, Tsai, Horiuchi and Yamagami; claims 37-38 and 45-46 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Horiuchi, Tsai, Yamagami and claims 43,44 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Horiuchi, Tsai, Yamagami, and McCarthy. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-13, 15-17 and 31-49 have been canceled. Thus the rejections above are moot. Accordingly withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested

Allowance of Application

With the cancellation of the rejected claims, the application is now in condition for allowance. Prompt allowance is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application; the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings, Reg. No. 48,917 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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